AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 23 is a schematic perspective view to explain a method of sampling blood by using the vacuum blood-sampling system disclosed in Patent Document 1. Referring to FIGS. 21(a) to (c) and FIG. 23, the blood-sampling step is explained.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 4 - 5 with the following amended paragraph:

After the blood-sampling by using the vacuum blood-sampling system shown in FIGS. 21(a) to (c), in the case when, for example, a biochemical inspection is carried out thereon, carrying out a centrifugal separation after the completion of coagulation of the blood, serum is obtained as a supernatant fluid so that after the stopper 81 is removed, one portion of the serum is taken by using a pipette and the like and various components, such as electrolytes, enzymes and lipids, are subjected to concentration analyses by using an analyzing device. With respect to the residual specimen, the blood-sampling container is again sealed with the stopper 81 for re-inspection, and stored in a cold state or in a frozen state. In this case, however, when, after a blood-sampling container is once opened and a specimen is partially taken for inspections, the container is re-sealed, the inner air of the container is compressed due to the superior sealing property of the stopper to cause an increase in the inner pressure, and the stopper is gradually raised to eventually come off to often cause a problem, that is, a so-called pop-up phenomenon.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 35 with the following amended paragraph:

[FIGS. 21(a) to (c)] ~~a~~ views which show ~~shows~~ a basic structure of a conventional vacuum blood-sampling system